(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the survey would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning Commission has been requested to accord 'In Principle' approval.

(c) Does not arise.

Indore-Dhule-Manmad rail line

†2127. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new rail lines proposed in the year 2007-08;

(b) whether it includes Indore-Dhule-Manmad rail line;

(c) if so, by when the work on this rail line is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not including Indore-Dhule-Manmad rail line therein and whether its inclusion would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 7 new line projects included in Budget, 2007-08.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As per the survey report of 2004-05 the cost of construction of new broad gauge line from Manmad to Indore *via* Dhule-Nardana-Shirpur (350 kms.) has been assessed as Rs.1001.16 crore with a negative rate of return. In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraints of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider the project. State Government has been requested to share 50% cost of the project.

Electrification of Mangalore-Shoranur rail line

2128. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority has initiated steps for the electrification of railway line between Mangalore and Shoranur;

(b) if so, the details including the fund allocated and the proposed completion of the work; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) In view of limited utility of electrification on Shoranur-Mangalore railway line, there is, at present, no proposal to electrify this section.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Peninsular railway zone in Kerala

2129. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority of Kerala has proposed Peninsular Railway Zone in Kerala considering the geographical sprawls, administrative and operative considerations;

(b) if so, whether competent authority is considering the above proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received for a Railway Zone in Kerala from various Very Important Persons including Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) New zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/ administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations. The proposal when seen in the light of the above criteria has not been found feasible.

Coca-Cola kiosk at Delhi junction station

2130. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 28th June, 2007 an inspection was conducted by JGMT/IRCTC/NZ at the Coca-Cola kiosk installed at platform number 4/6 of Delhi Junction railway station;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said kiosk is un-numbered and name of the licensee is not written on the kiosk;

(c) if so, what were the findings of the enquiry; and

(d) what action has been taken by concerned official against the owner of the kiosk?